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## WOMAN BARTERS HER SON'S VOTE

### Both Appear Before The Adams County Grand Jury

**Confesses That He Sold Suffrage Three Times At One Election—Played Candidates As Side Issue—Judge Hastens Matters By Promise Of Leniency To Those Who Make Voluntary Confessions—Fines May Build New Temple Of Justice**

Manchester, O., Dec. 29.—Two unusual features developed at the session of the special grand jury that is investigating the buying and selling of votes in Adams county. One was that of a woman's selling of her son's vote and the other concerned a voter who was bought in three different ways.

The woman who is thus accused is a widow who lives at Peebles. She is accused of having accepted \$5 for her son's franchise. Both mother and son were indicted, but neither has been arrested.

A farmer in Jacksonville precinct, who came in from Meigs township, surprised the jury by his confession that he was bought three times last election day. For his promise to vote the straight Republican ticket he said he received \$12.50; on a contract to vote the straight Democratic ticket he was paid \$10, and the price for agreeing to vote for a certain Democratic candidate was \$3. He pleaded guilty when arraigned and was discharged for five years, fined \$5 and costs, given six months in the workhouse, with the prison sentence suspended.

More than 100 men who had not been indicted, and whose names had not been mentioned in connection with the buying and selling of votes, flocked into the courtroom with bowed heads and voluntarily confessed having sold their franchise.

**Judge Offers Inducement.**  
The judge declared he would be lenient with those who appeared without summons. He gave warning that there were only a few days of grace. Those who were arrested at the expense of the county will be heavily fined with the cost of their arrest added, and in some cases workhouse sentences will be added. It is expected that this warning will result in an even greater panic.

The deputies are reaping a harvest. It costs from \$4 to \$15 to arrest men, according to the expenses

of the deputies, who have been instructed to get their men regardless of necessary outlay. Judge Blair has been too busy to figure up the financial part of the crusade, but the expenses will be about 33 per cent of the money collected.

The county commissioners have power to transfer the funds and a movement has been started to use the money toward building a new courthouse.

The Adams county grand jury reported 145 additional true bills against citizens accused of selling their votes at the last election. This makes a total of 359 indictments already returned, and as Special Prosecutor Stephenson puts it, "We have only scratched the surface so far."

**Lemert Acts Promptly.**  
Columbus, O., Dec. 29.—State Insurance Commissioner C. C. Lemert wired the insurance commissioner of New York to see that word was sent to Ohio agents of the Aetna Indemnity company to stop writing new business in Ohio. The financial difficulties of the Northern Banking company, New York, the president of which institution was at the head of the indemnity company, involved those of the Aetna Indemnity company, which is a Connecticut corporation doing business with headquarters in New York.

**Druse Tribesmen Killed.**  
Constantinople, Dec. 29.—The rebellious Druse tribesmen and Dedouns in the vilayet of Syria have been dealt a crushing blow by Turkish soldiers. News reached here that in a battle lasting several days last week, 450 Druses were killed and 600 captured. The Turkish forces lost 85 soldiers.

**Two Killed in Flight.**  
Paris, Dec. 29.—A passenger-carrying monoplane with Aviator Laffon and M. Paula fell 250 feet, shortly after leaving Issy, on a round trip to Brussels, and both men were fatally injured.

### Vivien Gould to Marry Lord Decies, 26 Years Her Senior



Lord Decies, who is also known as John Graham Hope Beresford, is anxiously counting the moments until he can sail from London to attend a dinner to be given by Mr. and Mrs. George Gould. Lord Decies is not so anxious to attend the dinner as he is to have the word go forth from Mr. and Mrs. Gould that he is the accepted suitor to Miss Vivien Gould. The announcement of the engagement of the titled Englishman and Miss Gould was first made in London. It came as a surprise to society, as Lord Decies is twenty-six years the senior of Miss Gould, who has not even made her debut into society. This event will be made, however, within the next month, and it promises to be the most elaborate party given in New York in many years. More than \$10,000 worth of flowers have been ordered from one florist alone, it is said.

## NOTED BANKER IS DEAD EDUCATED AT KENYON

New York, Dec. 29.—John E. Ellis, banker, well known in the financial world of a generation ago died here in his ninety-fourth year. He was instrumental in organizing the national bank system, and when Grant was elected president had the offer of the secretaryship of the treasury, which he declined.

Mr. Ellis was born in Williamsburg, O., Aug. 15, 1817. He was educated at Kenyon college, Ohio. He engaged in the banking business in

Cincinnati at the age of 18. He was successful and came to be regarded as the leading financier of Cincinnati. When the national bank system was organized under the administration of President Lincoln he was among those called into consultation by Lincoln, with James M. Cooke and Secretary Salmon P. Chase, at that time secretary of the treasury. He was president of the first national bank organized.

## MARKET BLOWN UP

Lorain, O., Dec. 29.—Two were injured, one building was wrecked and windows for blocks were shattered by an explosion of gas in the meat market of Steve Lepotaki. Miss Jennie Stewart, the bookkeeper, was hurled through a window and was bruised and burned. Lepotaki was blown through the door to the sidewalk and was burned about the face and hands.

## BURGLAR IS SHOT

Youngstown, O., Dec. 29.—Albert Moulton, a negro burglar, was shot and killed in the home of Joseph Rosensteel by Rosensteel's 21-year-old son, Max. A second burglar who was working with Moulton in looting the house plunged through an open window and escaped.

## BRIDE SENT TO SCHOOL

Kenton, O., Dec. 29.—Grace Jones, 14-year-old wife of John Jones, has been committed to the Girls' Industrial school at Delaware after a honeymoon of just one week. She begged piteously to be permitted to take her favorite dolly with her.

## BROTHERS MURDERED

Portsmouth, O., Dec. 29.—Discovery of the charred bodies of Miner and Oliver P'att, brothers, in the ruins of their home on the border of Adams and Scioto counties, is believed to have been preceded by a double murder.

To accept good advice is but to increase one's own ability.—Goethe.

### COX DERIDES IDEA OF RESURRECTION

Replies to Those Who Look For  
Mrs. Eddy's Reappearance.

New York, Dec. 29.—Certain members of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of this city, who profess the belief that Mrs. Eddy was one with Jesus Christ in the unity of God and that to prove the truth of her doctrine of immortality and the unreality of death she will, like Jesus Christ, rise from the dead in all the tangible manifestations of the flesh, have forwarded to the directors of the mother church in Boston a protest against their order for an armed guard in the receiving vault at Mount Auburn cemetery, where the body of Mrs. Eddy was temporarily consigned. The protest sets forth that the action of the directors is comparable to that of the authorities of Jerusalem, who set a guard at the tomb belonging to Joseph of Arimathea, wherein Jesus Christ was laid after his crucifixion. The soldiers, they say, were set on guard at the tomb of Jesus Christ because his disciples had said that he would rise from the dead, and it was the object of the Jews to disprove the assertion, and the maintenance of the guard at her tomb by the directors of the mother church seems to these protestants to indicate that the ruling body of the faith in Boston wishes to forestall any evidences of such a manifestation by the establishment of a permanent group of witnesses at the spot where the mortal remains of the former leader of the church lie.

When report of this action was carried to Mr. Cox of the publication committee, in New York, he seemed to be considerably excited.

"The concept of true Christian Science does not recognize a resurrection of the body in this age," he said. "Any person who believes that Mrs. Eddy will demonstrate herself in a flesh is more than a visionary; he is an abnornal. There is no parallel to be drawn between Mrs. Eddy and Jesus Christ. In her own writings Mrs. Eddy has expressed herself as inexplicably shocked at the suggestion of such a comparison. Christian Science does not teach nor in any way prepare its students to expect such a manifestation on the part of its discoverer. In no part of her writings has Mrs. Eddy even hinted at the possibility of such a phenomenon."

**Alliance Man in Trouble.**  
Washington, Dec. 29.—After a week of holiday entertainment without expense at the hands of Washington real estate dealers L. M. Hunter, who claims Alliance, O., as his home, was arrested at Havre de Grace, Md., charged with passing a bad check for \$50 in Charlotte, N. C. Hunter had 6 cents when arrested.

**City Solicitors Meet.**  
Columbus, O., Dec. 29.—Thirty solicitors and assistants of Ohio cities are attending the meetings of the state organization, which will be concluded today. Its officers are: E. L. Weiland, president; Frank A. Bolton, Newark, vice president; D. F. Mills, Sidney, secretary and treasurer.

**Fleet Sails Today.**  
London, Dec. 29.—The mayor of Gravesend gave a farewell entertainment to Rear Admiral Thomas B. Howard and the officers of the third division of the American battleship fleet. The ships sailed today and will join those from Portland, Brest and Cherbourg in the English channel, preparatory to sailing west.

**Grace's Body Found?**  
London, Dec. 29.—The Daily Express is responsible for a report that the body of a man dressed in English clothes, believed to be that of Cecil Grace, the aviator, who was lost while attempting to make a return flight from France, has been washed up by the sea at Adinkerke, near the Franco-Belgian frontier.

**Holding a Wake—Ditto a Girl.**  
Miss Loveligh—The professor was telling us today about the moon. He says the moon is a dead body. Jack Spooner—That so? Then suppose we sit up awhile with the corpse.—Boston Transcript.

**Judicious Petting.**  
You can smooth out many a nervous, feverish headache and untangle many a snarled thread in a child's makeup by a little loving, judicious petting, for when you are petting him your advice counts for double what it does when you are chastising.

Count always, however, on his reciprocity and make him feel that, even though a child, he can make life easier and less tired for you by little acts of consideration in return for the care and tenderness lavished on him. And this will insure his not being spoiled.

## UTILITIES BILL PASSED UPON

### Ohio Telephone Interests Make Wants Known

**Meeting In Toledo Discloses Willingness On Part Of Compelling Interests To Have Rate Regulation Put Up To State—Lima Man Says Movement Inaugurated By Independents To Prevent Bell And Morgan Concerns Making Slashes In Rates**

Toledo, O., Dec. 29.—At a meeting of the telephone interests of the state the first definite step in the merger of all the telephone concerns in Ohio, the Bell, Morgan and Independent, was taken. The public utilities bill that the telephone interests will present to the legislature, and which will enable the Bell, Morgan and Independent telephone interests of the state to merge, was passed upon.

D. J. Cable of Lima, member of a committee appointed at a conference of telephone interests in Columbus a few weeks ago to work out details of the proposed merger, admitted before the meeting that a utilities bill was being drafted by the telephone interests. He said, however, that it was being drawn by the independent telephone interests of the state and would aim not to eliminate competition, but to prevent the Bell and other big corporations from slashing telephone rates, thereby doing great injustice to the smaller companies.

**Pattern After New York Bill.**  
The bill will be patterned after the New York public utilities bill, said Mr. Cable. "It will place the control of the telephone interests of the state in the hands of a commission, preferably the state railroad commission. It will make a uniform rate for telephone service throughout the state and will prevent companies

from slashing prices," he said. "Isn't it a fact that the bill will carry a provision that will enable the telephone interests of the state to merge and do away with all but one exchange in each city?" he was asked. "Yes, there will be some such provision," he replied.

The bill will contain, it is said, most of the reforms that the people of Ohio have been demanding during the past three or four years, the telephone interests being willing, apparently, to concede this much to bring about what the Elson bill, defeated at the last session of the legislature, aimed to do.

Accompanying Mr. Cable is Frank L. Beam, president of the Ohio Independent Telephone association. Both Cable and Beam are directors on the board of the United States Telephone company, purchased a couple of years ago by J. P. Morgan company, presumably for the Bell company.

**New Version of Maine Wreck.**  
Buffalo, Dec. 29.—The Lackawanna Steel company is authority for the statement that the battleship Maine was not blown up by Spain, but was destroyed by an internal explosion in its own ammunition magazine. The story says that the fact has been known in Washington for several weeks. It says the finding of the turret of the ship in Havana harbor separate from the rest of the vessel proves an internal explosion.

## PITTMAN PASSES AWAY INVENTOR OF SHORTHAND

Cincinnati, Dec. 29.—Benn Pittman, founder of the Pittman phonographic institute, and brother of Sir Isaac Pittman, inventor of phonetic shorthand, died at his home in this city. Pittman was born in England 88 years ago.

Pittman was one of the first shorthand reporters to be employed by the

United States government. He was employed to report the famous McCormick reaper case when Abraham Lincoln and Edwin M. Stanton were counsel. One of his most famous cases was the trial of the conspirators with Booth in the assassination of Lincoln.

### AS YOU LIKE IT

The cruiser Detroit, now at the Boston navy yard, was sold to R. L. Corbett of New York for \$200,000.

Frank Hvaly, pauper patient at the government insane hospital at Washington, has fallen heir to \$200,000, willed him by his brother, who died recently.

At Evansville, Ind., Robert Duncan has asked for a severance of the matrimonial knot because his wife insists on bathing her pet poodle in the dishpan.

Mrs. Clarke, London suffragette, died soon after her release from prison, death being due to harsh treatment and coarse food, so her comrades assert.

Because he could not live on his salary, Rev. A. G. Mills, pastor of the Bakersfield (Cal.) Christian church, adopted working on the roads as a side line and has been asked to resign his pastorate.

After a scrimmage between an angry mob and two companies of militiamen, William Furby, colored, alleged assailant of a white girl at Weston, W. Va., was landed in the penitentiary at Moundsville.

### TEACHERS IN SESSION

**Mandatory County Superintendency Grows In Favor.**

Columbus, O., Dec. 29.—With the close of the sessions of the different branches of the Allied Teachers' associations, a growing feeling in favor of the mandatory county superintendency was noticeable.

To offset the resolutions passed by the township superintendents, favoring mandatory township superintendency, the Ohio School Improvement Federation passed resolutions in favor of county superintendency, and a platform adopted by the joint legislative committee, representing the federation, the State Teachers' association and the State Association of School Examiners, contained the same sentiment.

**Aged Jurist Burns to Death.**  
Point Pleasant, Tenn., Dec. 29.—Former County Judge Hillary Ward, 87, fell headforemost into a grate fire at his home here and was burned to death. He was extremely feeble and is believed to have fallen as he was sitting in an arm chair before the grate.

## THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE HAS BEEN COMPLETED

Columbus, O., Dec. 29.—Governor Harmon has completed his message to the legislature. It is about the same length as his first message to the general assembly two years ago. It is now being prepared for the printers and will be ready for distribution after it is read Monday.

Governor Harmon has taken up the legislation promised by the Democratic platform and recommended many measures for passage. He will insist upon economy in all branches of the state government, and it is expected that the message contains some suggestions along that line.

## TACKLES SINNERS

Portsmouth, O., Dec. 29.—Under the auspices of all local Protestant churches, Evangelist Billy Sunday will inaugurate a six-weeks soul saving campaign here, beginning next Monday.

### TOWN HARD HIT BY FIRE

Man Killed, Several Injured In Canadian Village.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Dec. 29.—A large portion of the business section of Dresden, Canada, was wiped out by fire, during the progress of which an explosion occurred, killing C. V. Kicks, ex-mayor, and seriously injuring several other persons. The fire started in Jeffery's millinery store, and completely destroyed Edward Watson's grocery, Masonic hall, Robinson's millinery store, John Adkin's billiard hall and Robert Aiken's dry goods store. The loss is placed at \$100,000.